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Construction work in the Andizhan fields will increase 50 percent in 1949. Construction workers and petroleum workers in Andizhan have pledged to increase 1949 petroleum extraction 30 percent over 1948.

OIL-WELL DRILLING RECORD SET IN BAKU -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 44,
5 Mar 49

A brigade of the "Bucovnyeft" Petroleum Well-Drilling Trust, Baku, has set an all-Union record in sinking shaft No 232. This oil well was sunk to a depth of 1,885 meters at a rate of 3,600 meters per machine per month.

"KUKRUSE" MINE PLEDGES NEW SUCCESSES -- Sovetskaya Estoniya, No 37,
15 Feb 49

The "Kukruse" Mine fulfilled the 1948 plan ahead of schedule and saved more than 2 million rubles for the State. The workers have pledged to accelerate shale cutting and to improve its quality as well as to reduce consumption of materials and electric power. By these measures they intend to accelerate the production cycle of working capital.

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